

REMARKS

Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to Figures 2 and 3 and indicates that they should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art--. Applicant respectfully traverses. Figures 2 and 3 disclose things not found in the prior art.

Claims

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects the pending claims based on several prior art references, namely, United States Patent Nos. 5,631,976 (Bolle et al.) and 6,618,123 (Uomori et al.) and an article by Steve Pence entitled “Video Sync Separator for your Oscilloscope”.

The claims of the present application have been amended in response to the Examiner’s Office Action to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant has made a concerted effort to present claims which clearly define over the prior art of record, and thus to place this case in condition for allowance.

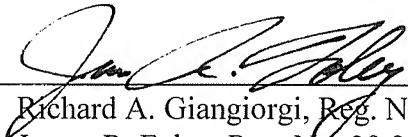
Specifically, independent claim 1 has been amended to claim that the circuit is configured to provide a pulse to the infrared strobe light as a result of receiving a signal from the video camera in order to fire the infrared strobe light, wherein the circuit is configured such that a width of the pulse is variable and is settable by a user. Independent claim 12 has been similarly amended, but is directed to a method. Applicant respectfully submits that this is neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record. As such, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 12, as well as those claims which depend therefrom, are allowable.

Additionally, two new claims - claims 20 and 21 - have been added and Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims further distinguish the claimed invention from that which disclosed in the cited references. None of the cited references disclose a circuit which is connected to a video camera and is configured to provide a pulse to an infrared strobe light as a result of receiving a signal from the video camera, where the circuit comprises a first manually-operable control for setting the pulse and a second manually-operable control for setting a delay.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the present application be passed to issuance. Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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